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JOHN OTT was born in Hagerstown, Md., July 22, 1834, and when quite a youth entered the United States Treasury Department, at Washington, in a clerical capacity. He rose rapidly in the estimation of the treasury officials, and on one occasion, during a brief absence of the Comptroller, acted as Comptroller. In 1861 he resigned his position at Washington, and coming to Richmond, accepted a place in the Confederate Treasury Department, where he remained until the close of the war, though he saw considerable service as a member of Captain Ellery's company, McAnerny' Battalion. He was with his company when Captain Ellery was killed at Hicks' farm, on the Westham road, where Dahlgren's last assault upon the Confederate lines was repelled.

At the evacuation of the city by the Confederate forces, Mr. Ott accompanied the Treasury clerks to Greensboro, N. C., and after the cessation of hostilities returned to Richmond. Upon the organization of the National Bank of Virginia, he was given a clerkship in that institution, and rose to the position of assistant cashier. Later, when Mr. Brown, president of the bank, resigned, and went to St. Paul, Mr. Ott went with him. He remained in that city some eighteen months, and then came back to Richmond, to enter the service of the old Southern Fertilizer Company, with which he continued until it wound up its affairs. Mr. Ott then took the cashiership of the City Bank, but subsequently removed to Roanoke, where, after holding for a while the position of cashier of a bank, he became connected with the Iron Belt Building and Loan Association as its secretary. This place he held at the time of his death.

Deceased was a man of wonderful range of information, especially upon economical subjects, and was a charming conversationalist. While a resident of Richmond, he was always in the forefront of any movement calculated to advance her interests. He frequently contributed to the daily press, and had the financial, commercial and agricultural statistics of the country at his finger's ends. For awhile he was associate editor of the *Southern Planter*, and as such, and through his connection with the Southern Fertilizer Company, was well known to the farmers of the South. He was public spirited to the last degree, and it may be truly said of him that he sacrificed his private interests to the public good. He was genial, warm hearted, and loyal in all his relations, and intensely devoted to his adopted State.

Mr. Ott was for a number of years a member of the Executive Committee of the Virginia Historical Society, and his services in that relation were of extraordinary value in increasing its membership and advancing the general objects of the organization.

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ORIN L. COTTRELL was born in Richmond, Va., September 9, 1845. He was educated in the schools of the city, and in 1867 entered into a

co-partnership in the hardware business with Mr. Claiborne Watkins, under the firm name of Watkins, Cottrell & Co. Several years ago, Mr. Watkins' health failing, he withdrew, and the firm name was changed to Cottrell, Watkins & Co., Messrs. William S. Robertson and A. Salle Watkins being admitted to partnership. Mr. Cottrell was a member of Fraternity Lodge, No. 53, A. F. and A. M., and St. Andrews Commandery, No. 13, Knights Templar. He served in the Armory Battalion during the war, and though in several engagements, was never wounded. Mr. Cottrell was for a number of years a member of the Executive Committee of the Virginia Historical Society, and always took an active interest in its affairs. He had accumulated a library containing much valuable matter relating to Virginian and American history. Quiet and unassuming in his manners and scholarly in his tastes, he enjoyed the respect, affection, and good will of his associates.

REV. WM. T. RICHARDSON, D. D., was born in the county of Charlotte in January, 1820. His father, Captain John D. Richardson, was a man of great industry, intelligence and influence. He was a successful planter, a public-spirited citizen, and at one time represented the county of Charlotte in the State Legislature. His mother, Elizabeth Spencer, was descended from a long line of ancestors, distinguished for social worth and devout piety. It was her supreme care to train her children religiously, and thus prepare them for the highest walks of usefulness.

Her son, William, after an academic training in his native county, was sent to Hampden-Sidney College, and graduated during the presidency of the Hon. William Maxwell. There were twelve members of the graduating class, one of whom was the late Colonel Charles S. Carrington, another Judge Frank Irving, of Farmville, and another Dr. Moses D. Hoge, of Richmond. Of the twelve men composing that class Dr. Hoge is now, since the death of Dr. Richardson, the sole survivor. Among the eminent professors of Hampden-Sidney College at that time was General Francis H. Smith, afterwards principal of the Virginia Military Institute at Lexington, who was succeeded in the Chair of Mathematics by Colonel Benjamin S. Ewell, afterwards president of William and Mary College. Another professor was the distinguished John W. Draper, so well known to the scientific world by his published works after he was transferred to the University of New York.

After Dr. Richardson graduated at Hampden-Sydney College, determining to become a minister of the Gospel, he pursued his studies in the Union Theological Seminary of Prince Edward, and subsequently held two pastoral charges—viz: one in Warrenton, Fauquier county, and the other in Waynesboro, Augusta county—after which he filled the Chair of Mental and Moral Philosophy for several years in the Augusta Female Seminary, of Staunton, so long successfully conducted by Miss Baldwin.